

All that I have heard tells me that great efforts should be made to curtail the number of outlets a company may own. Whether the outlet be radio, print, television, the effect on real democracy of too few and very powerful voices is catastrophic. I believe the low voter turnout and the general malaise people have regarding the political process is exacerbated by the homogenizing of opinion that occurs. Local news, culture, politics, sports, music, etc lose precious exposure. Large national issues are painted with broad strokes. All in all, Gannet, Clearchannel, MTV, Turner, and the rest need to be told to liquidate their holdings down to a fraction of their present influence. Furthermore, these large companies should be required to open up programming to various formats that allow for varied opinion, local news, opinion, culture, and arts.

I want the FCC to have more control, not less. Deregulation would help only a powerful few. Begin the process of giving the airwaves back to the public.